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Final Appeal Judge Gives Ruling on Exemption of Farmers

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) declares it is essential that there shall be no diminution in agricultural production.

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Ottawa.)

Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December 6th, in the first test case brought before him, as Central Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the exemption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rountree in respect of his son, W. J. Rountree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston, Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years.

In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff said:

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide is whether the man, who has been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and in labor essential to the carrying on of agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country and under the present conditions, there should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant, but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to such production, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemptions are not granted as concessions on account of personal hardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sole ground of them is that the national interest is the better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is founded) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be kept at home who are engaged in work essential to enable the State to maintain the full efficiency of the combatant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

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Canada's hog products in 1916 totalled 125,000,000 pounds. The Allies requirements in the same year were 1,200,000,000 pounds. The Allies could have taken ten times the total Canadian supply. Yet it is not only during wartime that the market is great. The export from Canada in a five year old period, 1911-1915, totalled only 1,000,000,000 pounds. The market is not only in the two years of peace, even more so in the first year of the British occupation of the hog products. The demand during the reconstruction period after the war may be assumed to be at least as great as it was during the war itself.

Mr. Lovier, who has been released, as a war measure, so as to permit suburban dealers to keep pigs near their dwellings such as might be accomplished. Mr. Lovier has stated that properly kept pigs are no more expensive to raise than chickens. Accordingly, meetings almost every year, Germany was said to raise 800,000 more pigs than Canada possessed from coast to coast.

If the imperative necessity of increased production of hogs is realized by the farmers of the country, and by others, in the course of their education, the crisis confronting Canada today, and Sir Robert Borden in endeavoring to bring about Union Government is not establishing, but he is following a precedent which has brought to Canada more lasting benefits than any legislation enacted under the party system. In fact, the present Union government is following the example of practically every belligerent power except the Central Powers. Britain has it; Australia has it; New Zealand and South Africa have it and there is absolutely no argument against the adoption of Union government in Canada."

Mr. Mitchell dealt at length with many of the red herring issues which have been thrown across the path of the real issue before the people and appealed strongly to the farmers to remember that the most urgent duty of the country at the present time was to get the war out of the way. While the price of wheat was fixed at \$2.21 per bushel he asked them then not to afford to wait until the more pressing problems of the war had been solved before they should insist upon the question of tariffs be taken up.

Referring to the question of reinforcements he said that as a Canadian he detested with all his heart the men who were willing for Britain, or the United States to bear

Hon. C. R. Mitchell Delivers Powerful Address

In view of the fact that two other events were scheduled for Friday night, it was an eloquent tribute to the personality of the Hon. C. R. Mitchell to find the Gem Theatre well filled by an enthusiastic bunch of supporters for his address on the "Why and Wherefore of Union Government."

Many of his friends and also a number of former opponents contend that Mr. Mitchell had never delivered a more powerful address, and his certainly made a great impression by the earnestness with which he made his application.

Mr. Mitchell in his opening remarks touched briefly upon the origin of the idea of Union Government. "Union Government," he said "was no new thing in Canada, for the basis of our present Dominion was founded by a Union Government, fifty years ago, under Sir John Macdonald."

The crisis which impelled our forefathers to unite in order to find a solution to their difficulties was by no means as acute as the crisis confronting Canada today, and Sir Robert Borden in endeavoring to bring about Union Government is not establishing, but he is following a precedent which has brought to Canada more lasting benefits than any legislation enacted under the party system. In fact, the present Union government is following the example of practically every belligerent power except the Central Powers. Britain has it; Australia has it; New Zealand and South Africa have it and there is absolutely no argument against the adoption of Union government in Canada."

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Alberta Government Asked to Establish Mothers' Allowances

It is proposed to ask the Government of Alberta to introduce as an emergency measure at the coming session of the legislature a bill providing for a system of aid to mothers. A draft act has already been submitted to Premier Smith and the bill will be known as the "Mother's Allowance Act." It is expected that action will be taken

in the burden which Canada had voluntarily taken upon it, which she considered, she would jealously insist upon bearing until the end. Canada will never consent to become a sleeping partner in this war.

Mr. Mitchell spoke of the many acts which had been passed on the Statute Books by the Union Government since it had assumed office and declared that it had given great promise of revolutionising the whole constitution if they deemed it necessary in carrying the war to its successful issue.

In conclusion the speaker earnestly exhorted every Unionist to do his share in the end of electing the Union Candidates in this riding pointing out the necessity of the government being returned with a good majority in order to control the situation at Ottawa.

At the conclusion of his speech Mr. Mitchell was given an ovation the like of which has never been accorded any public speaker before.

W. S. Playfair, Chairman of the Union Association occupied the chair and courteously extended the privilege of the platform to one of the speakers of the Socialist party who asked permission to speak at the conclusion of Mr. Mitchell's address.

The speaker, a Mr. Paton, made a humorous (unconsciously) speech in which he touchingly described the horror and the outrage of the capitalist class to make a grub-stake by the products of his brains, and prophesied that when the day labor in its majestic solitude would return to work unless they obtained all the profits of that labor; when they would rule at Ottawa, and would legislate to prevent any man from making more than that which would feed, clothe and wash him and keep him in Ford and Ford Cars.

Mr. Paton, did not take himself seriously and certainly did not treat his subject seriously and we must be forgiven if we regard him and the way he handled his subject in the light of a joke also.

It is when the housewife again, Mountrath already has much to do with her house, and a mother's pension bill is before the legislature of Saskatchewan, Alberta, with quite as great need, is it said, as the other provinces, will be asked to take similar action.

The proposed act is intended to secure some degree of assistance from the state for mothers, called upon to bear the full burden of rearing their children. It will provide that the administration of the act will be left to the administration of the local government, the departments of public welfare, or similar organizations, in any town or municipality, and the classes of mothers who it is intended to be covered are those who are unable to care for the (male) or a mother whose husband is in the army for the home, or in prison, or is suffering from an incurable disease. "Any grandmother, widow, or mother, who is unable to care for her child, will be eligible to receive consideration by the Board to be the proper person to take care of the child."

TO THE HOME OWNERS
The draft act then reads that "there shall be paid to mothers out of the consolidated revenue of the province, and allowances, subject to the right of disallowance by the Minister, as from time to time be settled upon by the Board, to enable the mothers to maintain their homes and to teach and educate their children in the best way of improvement."

The scale of allowances is to be set by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and by the same authority the necessary rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of the act, and the same may disallow any act of a local board and penalties are provided for transgressions and for failure to observe the same.

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STYLES. The Druggist

Local and Personal.

Will anyone tell us who voted for the Socialists?

Robert McLean was a visitor to Calgary for the week-end.

Christmas Services at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Subj. "The gifts of Xmas."

Roy and Mrs. Smith left for the east on Monday where they will spend the winter months.

Joe and Mrs. Kline are spending the winter at their old home in the States.

The funeral of Mrs. Davis whose death was announced last week, took place on Tuesday.

Mrs. Scott who has been visiting in Calgary for the past few weeks returned to town on Sunday last.

The man who said "you can't win elections on smoke" was a prophet—far joy.

Mrs. Broussard leaves tonight for Winnipeg where she will spend the Xmas vacation.

Mayor Cummings of Drumheller, was in town on Wednesday in connection with election work.

Will any also promised subscription to the Y. M. C. A., by signing cards, kindly make their payments at the Bank of Commerce?

Mrs. Peterson of Anchorage left on Wednesday for a vacation which will be spent mainly in the States.

The results in the Bow River Siegfried on Monday were 1. Halladay, 2. Gouge, 3. Garbrill. Reid also started.

Fred Carpenter left today for the Pacific coast where he will shortly embark upon the sea of mystery. "Oh my! The best wishes and deep sympathies of his many friends go with him."

As Bill Caldwell says—"If Gouge is elected here, he will have a long trip to Ottawa, for he will not find a friend until he reaches Berlin or as some now call it, Kitchener Ontario."

Clara and Mrs. Douglas drove from their ranch on Monday in order to cast their votes, arriving just a few minutes before the close of polls.

When reuniting good friends at Xmas, don't forget the poor little girls who are the joys in the troubled. Send your subscription to the Y. M. C. A. earnestly sent to the local treasurer R. D. Finlay.

Service will be held in the Anglican Church on Sunday next at 11 a.m. On Christmas Day there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion preceded by Short Mating at 11 a.m.

Reporters have been floating round during the past few weeks that one of our well known garage owners intended starting up in the lumber business. We are able to state definitely that rumors lie, as the gentleman in question had only purchased a few shingles for house use.

The Xmas treat of the Presbyterian Sunday School will take place on Friday evening at 7:30 when an interesting Xmas programme will be presented by the scholars. All parents and friends are cordially invited. Special collection for starving Armenian refugees.

TOWN COUNCIL

The meeting of the Council held on Monday was not a success, as a number of adjournments were made in the same municipal session and, owing perhaps, the gloomy, teary meeting at its height, very little business was transacted.

The Committee appointed to interview the Sec.-Treas. re his resignation, reported that he had obtained a statement from Mr. McLean, the new manager. The Council decided to accept Mr. McLean's proposal for an assistant secretary to work under his supervisor until sufficient to take over the whole work.

The ratepayers' committee reported that the Council were not able to understand his resignation, which was performed on grounds of ill-health.

A letter of appreciation for the excellent work performed by Mr. Murgayev during the term of his office was approved together with an expression of the Council's regret at his departure.

The price of coal was fixed at \$2.00 per ton at the mouth of the mine.

After which everybody moved and the Council adjourned.

Election Day in Bassano

In spite of the eleventh hour bitterness of the campaign, the friction-creating issues of the election, the severing of old political friendships, the fracturing of the last edition of the News Telegram, and the effects of the Xmas openers split votes, election day found Bassano in a singularly placid mood.

Except for many breezes at the polling booth where, we understand, many shades of the English language were let loose to waste their eloquence on the deaf ears of the scrutineers and other officials, little excitement was displayed, although we must admit that at one period during the day a little breeze which might easily have amounted to a gale sprang up in the rounds of the Hunter. The diplomatic work of G. M. Pierce however saved the situation and by the judicious use of a little softening spray avoided the laughter which appeared to be imminent.

The Ununited workers were very active and they rounded up their probabilities in great shape, not overlooking any of the possibilities in the meantime.

Out of a total poll of 217, 170 people cast their votes while one ballot was spoiled.

The result locally was a great and pleasing surprise to the Unions who naturally were greatly elated. Their joy was increased by the reports from Brooks, Sutherland and Majorville, while even the small majority at Gleichen did not cause very much disappointment. Hanna gave Halliday a big majority and Bow City also plumped solidly. Germangang, Barons and Midland Collieries also gave Halliday the benefit of the doubt. Gouge however polled his majorities in the north and south countries, especially at Drumheller and Munson, and up in midmountain on Monday it was anybody's fight.

Results are coming in very slowly and the result is a matter of speculation yet, both sides professing the greatest confidence in the outcome.

Alberta as a whole has magnificently answered the people who from the Cross-Oliver display at Winnipeg had judged Alberta as being in the same category as Quebec. She has shown conclusively that she still preserves with backbone in preference to men with wiselike as we find in the returns Buchanan, Clark and Bilton elected and Oliver defeated.

Saskatchewan and Manitoba have also emphasized their loyalty in no uncertain manner while old Ontario has done more than was expected of her.

Thanks to the energies of H. P. Finlay, Dr. Scott, G. W. Boyd, W. S. Bowles and others the election returns were made available by a large number of people.

The Gem Theatre was hired and a wire leased and installed in the operators room and Bassano people therefore were enabled to keep tab on the results as they came through.

The concentration of opinion showed that the Unions were represented by 100,000 and the Conservatives by 100,000 to give the returns in comfort as being one of the most enjoyable and well conducted affairs ever pulled off in town.

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